GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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HEALTH HERITAGE DATA BASE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether competent authority of Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion participated in Inter-governmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledged and Folklore of World Intellectual Property Organisation held during June, 2002;

(b) whether report adopted by the Committee states that Indian delegation indicated in the meeting that Health Heritage Database has established in India;

(c) if so, details of above database, including organizations involved in creating database, quantity of data, specification and sources of data, year and month it established, and amount spent for creating above database, category-wise; and

(d) if so, web-site of above database?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India`s initiative to establish Traditional Knowledge Digital Library is in the knowledge of World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

(c) Data base is being developed for 35,000 Ayurvedic formulations in collaboration with the Department of ISM&H, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion and National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources. The work was started early this year and expenditure of 1.2 crore is likely to be incurred.

(d) The Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) is yet to be established.